

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A composition for protecting natural and artificial hair color from environmental insults comprising:
  - a. melanin;
  - b. an ultraviolet absorber comprising a benzotriazole derivative, a benzophenone derivative, or a triazine derivative; and
  - c. a cationic surfactant.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein:
  - a. the melanin comprises from about 0.001% to about 0.5% of the composition;
  - b. the ultraviolet absorber comprises from about 0.001% to about 10% of the composition;
  - c. the cationic surfactant comprises from about 0.001% to about 10% of the composition; or
  - d. any combination of the above.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein:
  - a. the melanin comprises from about 0.01% to about 0.1% of the composition;
  - b. the ultraviolet absorber comprises from about 0.01% to about 3% of the composition;
  - c. the cationic surfactant comprises from about 0.01% to about 3% of the composition; or
  - d. any combination of the above.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant.

5. (Original) The composition of claim 4 wherein the antioxidant comprises a liquid sunflower extract in butylene glycol.

6. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A composition of ~~claim 1 wherein~~ comprising:

- a. ~~the melanin comprises~~ a soluble melanin;
- b. ~~the~~ an ultraviolet absorber is selected from the group consisting of a benzotriazole derivative, a benzophenone derivative, a triazine derivative, and a polyoxyalkylenated methine-based compound; and
- c. ~~the~~ a cationic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of a cinnamate derivative, a long chain amine, a cationic alkyl ammonium salt, and a quaternized UV absorbing compound; ~~or~~
- d. ~~any combination of the above.~~

7. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 2 wherein:

- a. the melanin comprises a soluble melanin; and
- b. ~~the ultraviolet absorber is selected from the group consisting of a benzotriazole derivative, a benzophenone derivative, a triazine derivative, and a polyoxyalkylenated methine-based compound;~~
- c. the cationic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of a cinnamate derivative, a long chain amine, a cationic alkyl ammonium salt, and a quaternized UV absorbing compound; ~~or~~
- d. ~~any combination of the above.~~

8. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 6 wherein:

- a. the soluble melanin comprises a soluble melanin derived from sunflower seed;
- b. ~~the benzotriazole derivative~~ ultraviolet absorber comprises an aryl sulfonated benzotriazole;

c. the ~~quaternized UV-absorbing compound~~ cationic surfactant comprises a quaternary ammonium compound; or

d. any combination of the above.

9. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 7 wherein:

a. the soluble melanin comprises a soluble melanin derived from sunflower seed;

b. the ~~benzotriazole derivative~~ ultraviolet absorber comprises an aryl sulfonated benzotriazole;

c. the ~~quaternized UV-absorbing compound~~ cationic surfactant comprises a quaternary ammonium compound; or

d. any combination of the above.

10. (Original) The composition of claim 8 wherein the quaternary ammonium compound comprises an alkyl quaternary ammonium salt.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 9 wherein the quaternary ammonium compound comprises an alkyl quaternary ammonium salt.

12-19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) A composition for protecting natural and artificial hair color from environmental insults comprising:

a. from about 0.03% to about 0.04% soluble melanin derived from sunflower seed;

b. from about 0.1% to about 0.15% sodium benzotriazolyl butylphenol sulfonate; and

c. from about 1% to about 1.5% cinnamidopropyltrimonium chloride.

21. (New) The composition of claim 8 wherein the cationic surfactant comprises cinnamidopropyltrimonium chloride.
22. (New) The composition of claim 9 wherein the cationic surfactant comprises cinnamidopropyltrimonium chloride.